

Denver's Future

City Club of Denver



Post-Recession Challenges

- Building Trades hit hard
- Aging population
- Neglected/unfunded infrastructure
- Constrained federal and state budgets
- Affordable housing (construction defects)



Denver's Booming

- Population increasing (18- 30 years)
- Housing starts and values up
- Office space is filling
- Denver Public Schools student count up (families are coming back)
- Construction is happing all over the City and the Front Range



Highlighted Projects

- Union Station
- RTD Transit (east, gold, north metro, expansion of current lines)
- Downtown
- 9th & Colorado site
- Gates Rubber site
- Stapleton (north of I-70)



North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative

World-class cities begin with great planning

Initiative Overview



Mayor Hancock's Vision Denver's Corridor of Opportunity

The North Denver **Cornerstone Collaborate** (NDCC) is part of a larger comprehensive envisioning effort by Mayor Michael B. Hancock to energize a nearly 23-mile corridor linking Denver Union Station to Denver International Airport along I-70 & RTD's east



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North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC)

The NDCC represents a <u>unique</u> and <u>historic</u> opportunity to:

- Strategically align six projects
- Convene, coordinate and support existing project planning efforts
- Facilitate the creation and execution of Public/Private Partnerships
- Provide regional communications/community engagement to help drive shared opportunities



Community Needs

Based upon ongoing community engagement, the following high priority issues & needs have been identified:

- Access to range of services & basic retail
- Improve public safety
- Environmental concerns
- Enhance connectivity
- Proximity to heavy industry
- Empower neighborhood





Project Overviews

Globeville & Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plans



National Western Center



Brighton Blvd. Corridor Redevelopment



River North (RiNo)



I-70 Reconstruction



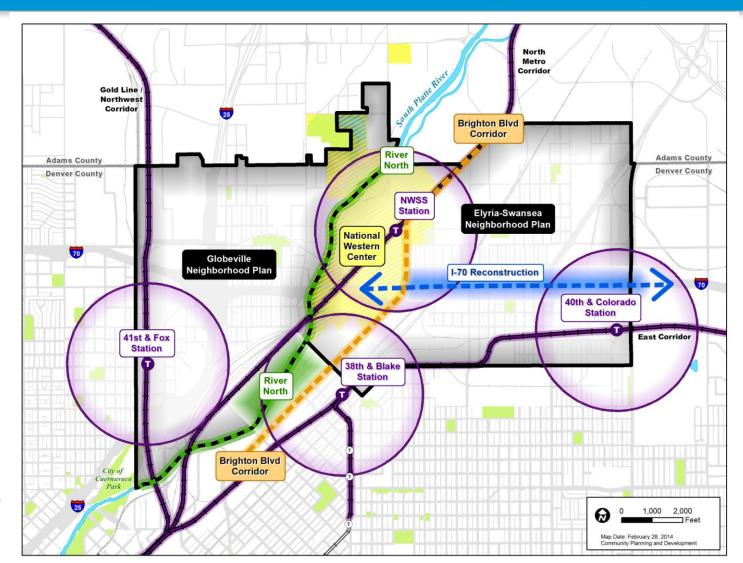
RTD Station Development





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Project Overview & Impact



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Brighton Blvd

Character Zones

MAIN STREET ZONE

Streetscape design priority on placemaking, side-walk activity, and pedestrian connectivity. Design priorities include:

- Enable a diversity of mixed-use and industrial users throughout the corridor
- Celebrate the character of River North Stimulate activity along the street
- Ensure pedestrian safety and comfort
- Encourage multi-modal transportation
- Provide on-street parking
- Promote slower speeds and an increased number of traffic signals
- Implement safe pedestrian and bike connections across Brighton Blvd. on 35th













EDUCATION, INDUSTRY & DEVELOPMENT ZONE

The streetscape design balances placemaking and multi-modal transportation needs. The character of the streetscape will create a 'front door' for future industrial and educational development. Design priorities include:

- Encourage multi-modal transportation
- Enable a diversity of mixed-use, educational and industrial users
- Celebrate the character of River North
- Ensure pedestrian safety and comfort
- Limit number of traffic signals

NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER ZONE

The streetscape design places a priority on placemaking, as Brighton Boulevard will become the 'front door' to National Western Center and an entertainment destination. Design priorities include:

- · Stimulate activity along the street
- Accommodate large events
- Ensure pedestrian safety and comfort
- Encourage multi-modal transportation
- Implement safe connections to National Western light rail station
- Provide on-street parking and/or drop off zones
- Enable wider sidewalks for increased pedestrian activity
- Promote slower speeds and an increased number of traffic signals











NORTHERN ZONE

The streetscape design creates a consistent, welcoming frontage for existing industrial uses and Riverside Cemetery. Design priorities

- . Encourage multi-modal transportation
- Ensure pedestrian safety and comfort
- Provide on-street parking
- Limit number of traffic signals
- Respect relationship with Riverside Cemetery

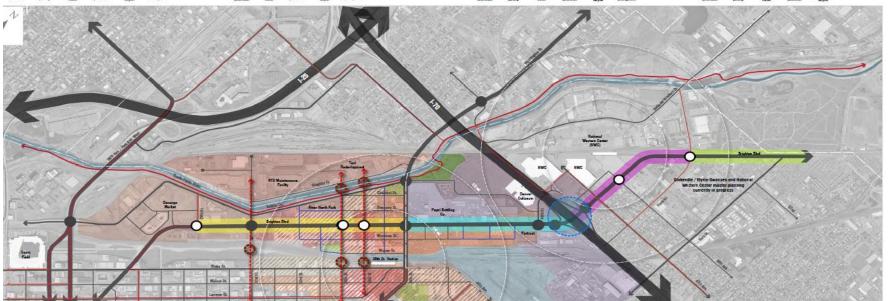


















Brighton Blvd

Sustainability Strategies



This diagram does not illustrate any specific streetscape area or option. Its depicts potential streetscape elements and sustainable design solutions that could be implemented throughout the Brighton Boulevard corridor.

Urban trees create oxygen and create shade, reducing the amount of solar radiation absorbed by the street, which contributes to the "urban heat island" effect (increased temperatures).

- A continuous street tree canopy shades the streetscape.
- 2 Tree root area is increased by suspending paving on grates around trees to allow pedestrian circulation, while preventing soil compaction
- 3 Light colored paving reflects sunlight and decreases amount of sunlight absorbed during the day.

MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION

Brighton Boulevard will become a multi-modal tranportation corridor, supporting transit, bikes, pedestrians and cars.

- 1 Continuous bike facilities throughout length of the street
- Bus stops with seating, lighting and shelters
- 3 Continuous detached pedestrian sidewalks

STORM WATER TREATMENT

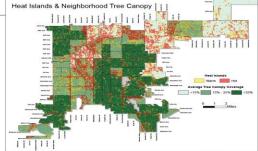
Paved streets increase storm water runoff, and the amount of pollutants in our waterways. Brighton Boulevard will treat all storm water runoff from the roadway and sidewalks.

- 1 Porous pavements on bike lanes and sidewalks allow runoff to infiltrate through the pavement into the soil below, decreasing the amount of runoff
- 2 Storm water is cleaned as it infiltrates through specially designed soils that capture pollutants.
- 3 Landscape areas within potential median provide storm water detention (reducing runoff rates) and additional water treatment capacity

RESOURCE & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Brighton Bouldevard will include recycled materials and energy efficient lighting to reduce energy use and its carbon footprint

- 1 LED streetlights
- Recycle roadbase
- 3 Street furnshing with recycled materials





I-70 East Project

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Paso a Desnivel Parcialmente Cubierto Modificado



Artistic Concept Concepto Artístico



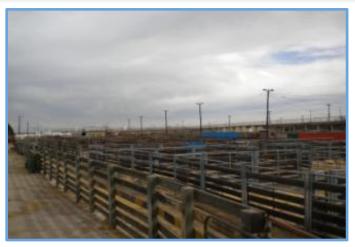
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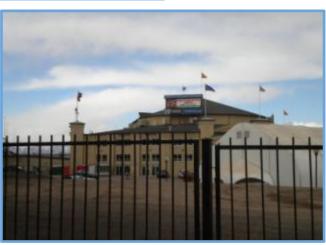
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National Western Center





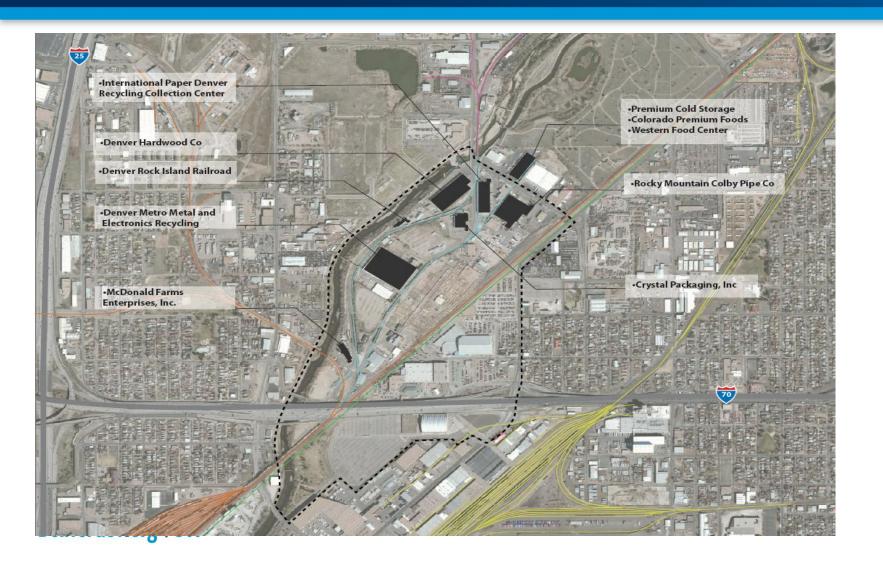




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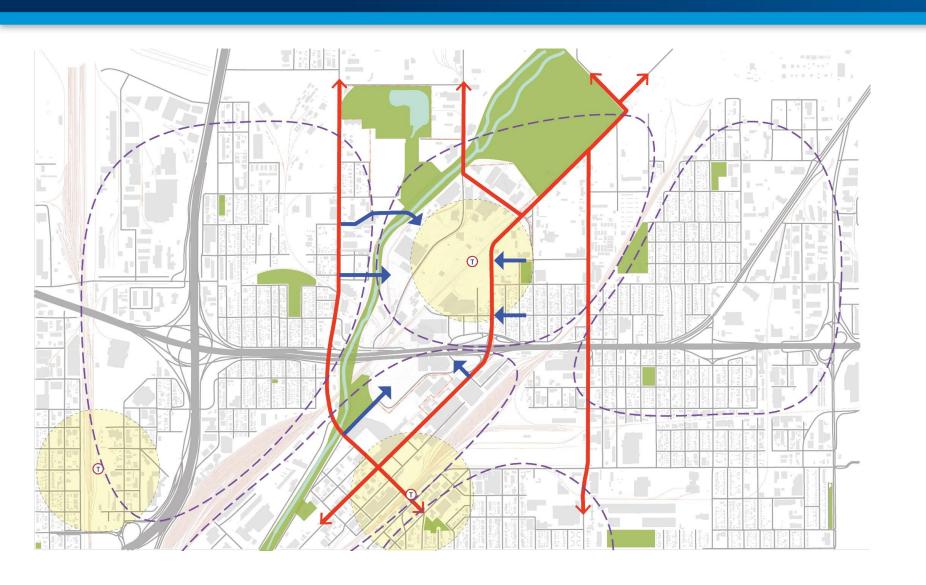


National Western & Rail Service



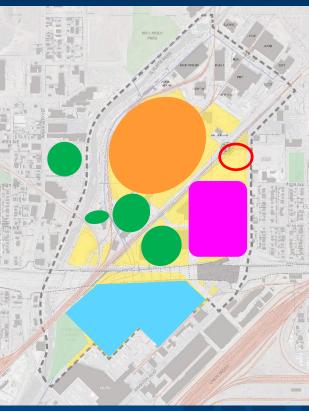


Creating Community Connections

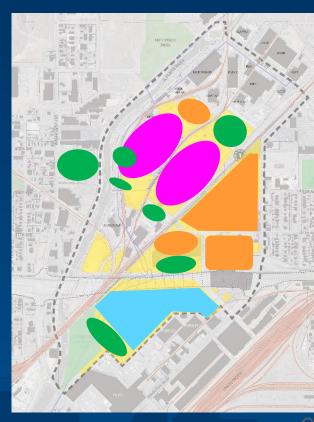


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MULTI-USE

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PARTNERS



Mid Year Key Accomplishments

- Jumpstarted the master planning effort for the National Western Center
- Developed a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for all three neighborhoods
- RTD broke ground on the North Metro Line which will advance connectivity in neighborhoods
- Produced a market-based feasibility study that provided facility recommendations for the National Western Complex and Denver Coliseum
- Produced the Brighton Blvd. Schematic Redevelopment Project report that provides multimodal vision for this gateway into Denver
- Engaged elementary school students in the planning process of CDOT's I-70 East project though the creation of models
- City Council voted to adopt a proclamation in support of CDOT's Partial Cover Lowered Alternative
- Launched the Mayor's Finance & Governance Advisory Group that will creatively develop finance recommendations for all projects
- Selected CH2MHill to begin detailed design work on Brighton Blvd. and RiNo



The Next 6 - 8 Months

- CDOT to release the Supplemental Draft EIS for the I-70 east to include public comment period
- Completion of Globeville & Elyria-Swansea Neighborhood Plans
- Identify a preferred master plan for the National Western Center in collaboration with CSU, History Colorado, Denver Museum of Nature & Science and the NWSS
- Advance design work on Brighton Blvd.
- Develop RiNo Park Design and Arkins/Festival Street Design
- Create I-70 Lid Conceptual Design Solutions
- Launch of a community based organization to support neighborhood needs
- Explore the develop of a Regional Tourism Act application for the National Western Center project





Timeline

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Neighborhood Plans

National Western Complex & Coliseum

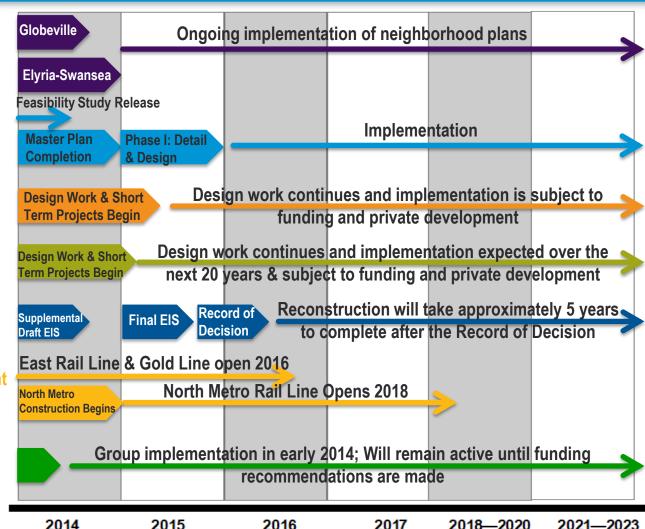
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